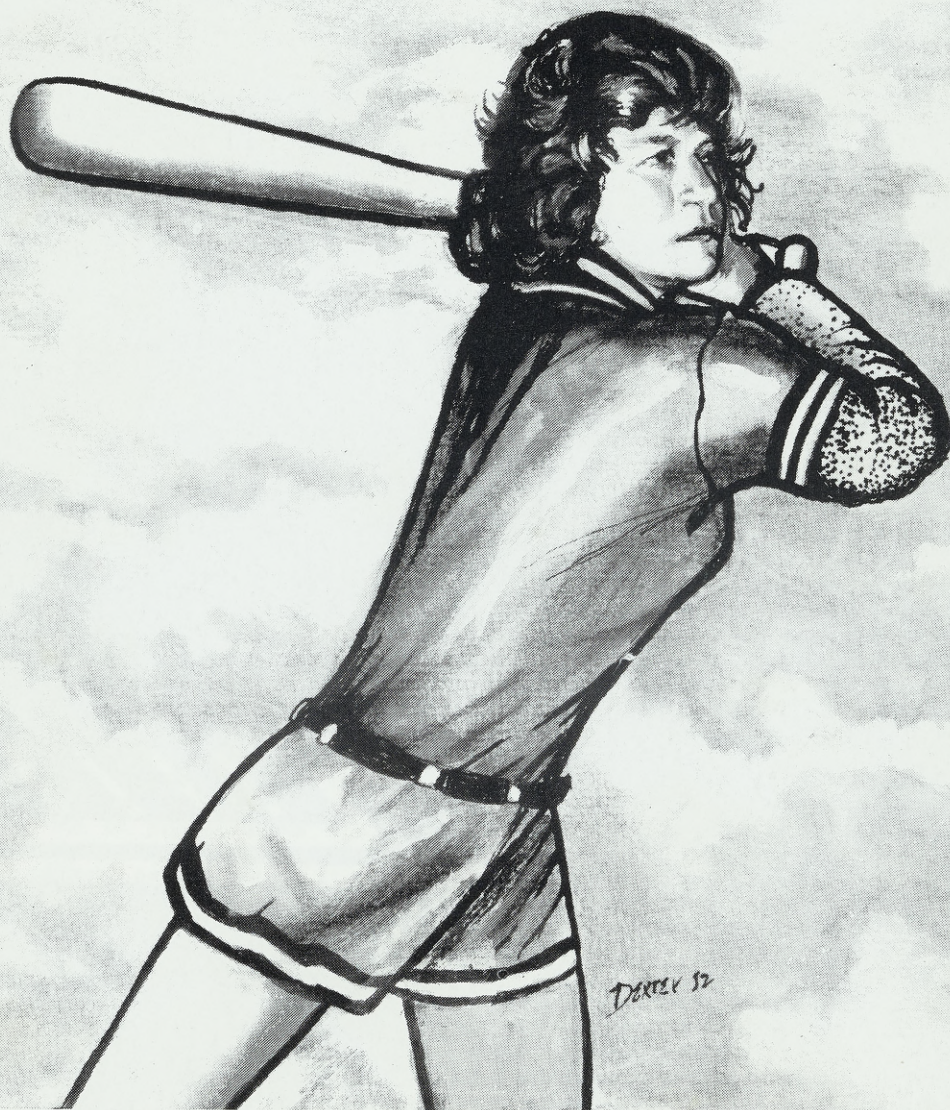


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Please take that first step by May 10th.

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Bob Moore

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This month's cover is an original of Anna Harrison done by our staff artist, Dexter Smith. Anna is featured in an article this month by Jim Dunham.

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INTERVIEW WITH ANNA HARRISON

by Jim Dunham

With the advent of Spring, ball fields all over the United States will be inundated with aspiring jocks participating in America's favorite pastime, baseball. Since softball is but a modification (different field dimensions, larger ball, variable ground rules, fast pitch, slow pitch, etc.) its popularity is ever increasing. Besides the numerical participation, the sport has proven to be popular with both sexes. The Sacramento gay community offers two entries this year and among its citizenry is one, Anna Harrison, perhaps the most visible player as she is the only female on either roster.

The Rambler wishes to share with our community the viewpoints expressed by Anna in the following interview:

Q. Who is Anna Harrison?

A. Born, raised and educated in Oklahoma with a college major in physical education, since my earliest recollection, I've been a sports minded person. I've worked as a waitress, a bartender (my current job), a gasoline attendant, and perhaps my most rewarding career was that of a counselor for the county. The latter position entailed 15 years of service helping juvenile delinquents. Due to job fatigue I took a leave of absence. You might say working with and for the public is my first love.

Q. Who are the most influential people in your life?

A. Undoubtedly my father, who instilled in me the facility to deal with people, besides encouraging sports. Jane M., a prominent Oklahoma attorney who pushed college and gave me confidence as a woman in society.

Q. What opinions do you have regarding the local sports scene?

A. There is a need for more variety and interaction between lesbians and gay men. Community spirit needs to be ignited. The ideas are there but the implementation is often lacking.

Q. When did athletics become a viable part of your life?

A. When I was six years old my father bought me a football uniform. The only position that intimidated me was that of center.

Q. To which sports do you favor in order of preference, and how would you evaluate your ability?

A. 1. Golf - 14 handicap; 2. Softball - above average; 3. Tennis - slow afoot, average; 4. Basketball - half court only; 5. Bowling - at best 155 average.

Q. Rosie Grier does needlepoint. What does Anna do?

A. I love cooking; like Chicken Fried Steak. Gardening and traveling of the sightseeing variety are other interests of mine.

Q. As a participant, can you single out the most memorable sports experience you've had? Also as a spectator?

A. My high school broad jump of 17' 6" which was submitted to the state, and selection to the allstar softball team in 1981 from the Gay San Francisco League were two experiences as a participant. As a spectator the 49er Superbowl victory of 1982 and the Pittsburgh Pirate World Championship in Baseball in 1960 stand out in my mind.

Q. Are you more oriented towards team or individual sports?

A. Individual sports. If you goof you only have yourself to blame.

Q. In your opinion, is an athlete involved in team sports more prone to advance his own cause over the teams'?

A. Although there are exceptions, I feel for the most part an individual regards the team first.

Q. Do you feel that a sports celebrity has a responsibility to the public?

A. Definitely yes, because of hero worship, emulation on the public's part. I do feel, however, that one's personal life should not be involved in public judgment.

Q. Of the major sports celebrities, who do you regard as the most admired? The most controversial?

A. Certainly Nancy Lopez Milton because of total involvement, Joe Montana with his Never Say Die attitude, and Babe Zaharias for all around brilliance and courage would be my most admired. There is no question but that Billie Jean King, Martina Navratilova and John McEnroe for controversy.

Q. How can our community become more united?

A. Sacramento needs a coalition between the Lesbians and Gay Men to enable the community to grow not only in the sports field but also in the political arena. With the Rambler and MGW publications, letters to the editor can be an effective tool. Opening up the court system (GNIE) to the gay community would also be a positive step.

Anna Harrison represents one of many concerned individuals in Sacramento's gay community. Anna's involvement athletically is only a part of her visibility, but it's her deep expressed desire for more group congeniality, more community spirit, in essence a more humanistic approach that sets her apart from the norm. Respected spokesperson is a rarity, but in this reporter's opinion our interviewee is totally in this category.

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TID BITS

Did you all get your baskets filled for Easter? Was the Bunny good to you? Rowing into the rest of Spring: Mr. Hull, you are so kind. Seems you and I are Dorothy fans. Dorothy must have said the same words to you that she said to me a couple of months ago . . . Precious.

Here's a first for you kids: All you artists here in River City take heed. The Power Plant is in dire need of a logo, so get out the sketch pads. The winner will receive a cash prize and have his signature displayed on the logo and hung in the hallowed halls of the Power Plant. The exact denomination of the cash prize is unknown to me at this time. My spy caught the eye of another spy and hit the dance floor without giving me that information.

Nice to have seen our infamous Carrie Christian out and about with sidekick Robert Dixon, Mr. Bandy's replacement. From what I understand, Carrie is going to run for the title of "And Toto II" at the Grand Ball to elect the "Imperial Grand Wizard of Oz." What . . . you haven't heard?! My dear! Why, of course. There is going to be a great contest throughout the land in the very near future to elect the Imperial Grand Wizard of Oz of A-I-I-I-I-I-I-I-I-I California. The only qualification is that you are breathing. There will be a ramp of yellow brick and many contenders for title of Glenda, Dorothy, Horse of a Different Color, Mayor of Munchkin Land, Wicked Witch of the West, etc., etc. No board to approve the contestants, and no entry fee. Do whatever you want to win and run for whatever title you want. The festivities will be quite fun and all the money raised will first go to pay off the bills. After that it will go to our sports groups and community center. Charity begins at home. This trip will be for us. There are other organizations that claim to give to outside charities. They have my total support.

A message to "Pearl" from days gone by at Gordon's in SF . . . Robbie from the Cockpit sends his love. Speaking of SF . . . you will certainly have to

try to make the Closet Ball May 15th. The producers have had to add 300 seats this year, taking the capacity to 1200. This is the tenth year anniversary and Robert Michael's Productions are going all the way.

From up atop the hills of Clearlake . . . let me tell you about the Valley Knight's run to Clearlake the weekend of March 27th. Strictly from a birdseye view, of course. What a tremendous group of men! About 1:00 p.m. as scheduled, one could hear the roar of heavy bikes coming over the mountain. Everyone started arriving at Starlite Resort Motel on schedule, with enough leather in sight to make Peggy Marie gloves for 200 years. Of course a few participants were ahead of the game wearing theirs. You have never experienced the feeling you get when you hear the roar of all those bikes. It's enough to rattle your rhinestones from their settings. Sacto, you would have been proud of our VK's. After everyone got settled in, on to Ron & Bill's Bar at Sunset Point. After a couple there, back to Starlite Resort for a grandiose spaghetti feed (thanks for all the hard work, Ron, David, Randy and Joel. Yes, you too, Ray . . .) of which hungry men and our two women devoured. Well, now, it was time to fluff. Within the hour, instead of the rustling of denim, one could hear the clank of chains, snapping of collars and the rubbing of leather together. Dressed for the occasion, off again to Ron and Bill's at Sunset Point to start the festivities. A sight to behold. Not all was lost, however. Not to worry about all that hard core leather. Behind some of that butch leather beats Nellie hearts.

If we thought New Year's Eve was hot . . . Precious . . . that place was packed. Wall to Wall Hunk! Ron & Bill outdid themselves. And the sound! Well, I finally met the man with an ear for music and what to do with it. The same individual did the incredible sound for the New Year's Eve party. Remember, the one with the 1812 at midnight? Rhulah's moving to Clearlake. Not only is this man talented, he is GORGEOUS. Mr. Al Shaker, watch out. I wonder if he would like to come to Sacramento and wire this town for sound? Anyhow, a great time was had by all.

On the local scene . . . what somewhat known cookie had her raisins popped out when someone we all know and love doused her with a glass of water atop the uncrowned head? That isn't really as exciting as the fact that my dear sister from long, long ago in San Francisco, La Kish a la New Bell Saloon is going to be the new floor whore at the Merc. Hold on, kids. It's going to be a bumpy trip. Kisses to Kish. Bobbette, I hope you can handle this. Wild and Crazy Person.

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SPORTS RAP



by Rich Wilkes

BOWLING

One league down and one league to go. The River City Bowlers just concluded their third successful season at Land Park Bowl and the Sunday Swingers will end their season on the 18th of April. The River City Bowlers had their semi-finals and finals on the 28th of April. In the Semi, it was the A Division winner Easy Pickups rolling off against B Division winners Family, defending Champs. C Division Champs The Dizzy Bees, were up against D Division Champs All Mixed Up. The winners were Family B Division, and All Mixed Up D Division, and they began the championship roll off with Family taking the first game and then watching All Mixed Up get things straightened out midway through the second game and sweep to VICTORY in the second and third games, to deny Family their second championship and claim it for themselves 3 games to 1. Congratulations to All Mixed Up and all of the bowlers who competed in the entire League. Final standings for the league will be printed in next month's Rambler.

In the Sunday Swingers they really have a close contest and it looks as though it's going right down to the wire. Here are the standings as of the week of the 28th of March:

1. The Good Luck Gang	30 - 14
2. Even If Its Wrong	30 - 14
3. Wreck'in Bowlers	28½ - 15½
4. The Sly 5	28 - 16
5. Moustache Riders	25 - 19
6. Tally Wackers	24 - 20
7. G and G's	21½ - 22½
8. Head Pins	21 - 23
9. Rolling Pins	20½ - 23½
10. Hellraisers	19½ - 24½
11. BAABS	18½ - 25½
12. No Splits, Please	18 - 26
13. McKinley Park South	13 - 31
14. Bushwackers	10½ - 33½

For anyone interested in bowling this summer, there will be a league at Land Park on Monday nights beginning at 6:30 p.m. in early May. For more details contact Land Park at 421-3671. Also, River City Bowlers remember your Banquet is on the 18th of April at Del Prado Restaurant, 5500 Stockton Boulevard from noon to 4:00 p.m.

Don't forget that on Tuesday nights the Wreck Room puts on a Pool Tournament beginning at 7:00

p.m. And those of you into a little bit of the more physical, there is Volleyball, sponsored by Our River City Family, at SCC Womens' Gym, 7-9 p.m. and there is plenty of room if anyone is interested.



SOFTBALL REPORT

by Don Souza

By the time this article comes to press, the Parking Lot team will have had practice games with the Fickle Fox and Wreck Room. Our season will not start until Sunday, April 25th. The team and location is yet to be determined. As soon as San Francisco issues schedules, we will pass them out and publish them locally.

The two local teams fell into the strongest divisions of the two. Bob Weaver is the new manager of the Parking Lot team this year. At the last manager's meeting in San Francisco I handed out brochures to each individual manager. This work has borne out very favorable results. Such as the majority of teams visiting to play the Parking Lot on a local basis.

A new item that will be added this year: All home games will be video taped and shown at the club after the games conclude. The owners will provide a buffet for both teams and fans. Also under consideration is a beer tent at the ball park and a local banquet for the team with awards to be presented. Bob and myself would like the help of the gay community for some input for the team. Such things as raffles and auctions; my business will contribute in this case.

I would like to bring up another point. There has been some discussion about forming a new league here in Sacramento. I would be favorable to such a suggestion under certain guidelines:

1. All teams headquartered in Sacramento (Stockton and Modesto, 1 - 1½ hour drive); 2. Player pool established - whereas the two local teams place four rostered players each in that pool (create parity); 3. The commissioner of said league not be affiliated with any league team; and 4. And more importantly: All players should be Gay.

I've already talked to the owners of Club 21 and the Power Plant. Should they sponsor a team, those teams should make a respectable showing. As soon as

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BUTCH & NELLIE

NELLIE

Webster defines the word 'prostitute' as selling (oneself, one's artistic or moral integrity) for low or unworthy purposes. Whore, harlot, hooker are synonymous with prostitute. Many jokes have been written on the subject and Nellie decided to share some of her favorites with you.

Did you hear about the poor old prostitute who lived in the desert so long that she ended up as a dry hump?

Do you know how to make a hormone? Don't pay her.

A pimp is a public relations man for a public relations girl.

Did you hear about the new mouth wash for astrological call girls? It's called Whore-O-Scope.

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The definition of Horizon is a call girl getting out of bed.

What's brown and fuzzy and lays in the forest? Smokey the prostitute.

A horticulturalist is an etiquette consultant in a house of ill repute.

A screwball is a dance held in a bordello.

A new cereal on the market is called Hooker. It doesn't snap, crackle or pop. It just lays there and bangs.

A madame is one who offers vice to the lovelorn.

Did you hear about the pimp who has so many girls on the street that he's up to his alligators in ass?

Did you hear about the girl and seven guys who went fishing? She came home with a red snapper.

There was a hooker who had two twats. The other girls accused her of having a "holier than thou" attitude.

Nellie has her own free spirit femme philosophy. "A girl must use what Mother Nature gave her before Father Time takes it away."

BUTCH

Butch's assignment took him to a local theater house where three Rambler staff members were appearing in a comedy stage show. The scene was a courtroom. Carl, Kevin and Sister Katherine were brought before the judge. When the judge asked Carl his occupation, Carl responded "I'm a coke sacker. When the coal is put into the furnaces to make steel, it burns and leaves a residue which is called coke. I'm the guy who takes the coke and puts it into sacks for shipment. I'm a coke sacker."

Kevin was next to appear and gave his occupation as cork-soaker. "I take the bark off a cork tree, dip it into a solution and let it soak. My work title is that of a cork-soaker."

At that point the judge turned to Sister Katherine and inquired as to what she did. With hand on hip, Sister Katherine lisped, "I'm the real McCoy!"

Another scene of note had Carl and Kevin standing near an elevator door. As the door opened, Sister Katherine, playing the elevator operator, asked them if they were going down. "Certainly not," replied Carl. "We're just conversing."

Sister Katherine strolled into a Western Union office and asked the operator, "Is it true that you telegraph flowers anywhere?" When the operator replied yes, Sister Katherine was heard to say "Wonderful! Send me to San Francisco. I'm a pansy!"

According to Butch, anytime you see these three anywhere in public together, it's like they are on stage.

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this season winds down, all interested parties such as owners and managers should get together to discuss this possibility.

One more comment: At the March RCBA meeting the guest speaker was Lt. Robbie Waters, who is running for the office of Sacramento County Sheriff. I asked him if he would as Sheriff have reservations to a police versus Gay team game. The game would be played for charity and the proceeds turned over to the Department. He said he foresaw no difficulties.

* * * SOFTBALL NEWS

by Paul Coke

The 1982 Wreck Room Stars will be starting their eighth season (Stars) of play. This year's team has Rich Findley, Bobby Solomon, Chuck Nash, Dave Jimenez, Mike Jimenez, Garry Belcher, Carlton Jasper, Greg Rasberry, Gus Nino, Mike Newman, and Coach Paul Coke, returning with the Doc Buffken, Larry Pandory, Rick Torres and Jeff Stone joining just this year.

The Stars had a very successful pre-season play, and from all indications the Stars will have to be a team to be contended with as the season is capped with the Gay World Series, to be held in late August.

The month of April kicks the Stars Third Annual Raffle Sale, a Grand Raffle Sale. The Raffle is in conjunction with the Wreck Room Gay Parade Float Committee, and the Team (towel fund) tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The prizes are: Grand Prize, Leather Vest, Cap and Chaps. \$100.00 First Prize; \$75.00 Second Prize; and a \$50.00 Third Prize. There will also be weekend "Mini Drawings" for gift certificates from the Wreck Room's Leather Shop. So let's all pitch in and get yours. Raffle Tickets, that is...

Game schedules will be reported in the next issue of the Rambler.

Have fun, Wreck Room and Parking Lot, and Good Luck!

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DIGNITY ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Dignity/Sacramento, the local chapter of the national organization for Catholic gays and their friends, held their annual election of officers on Sunday, March 14th, at St. Francis Chapel, 26th and K Streets.

The two new co-directors are Bill Stuart and Pat Moore; secretary is Steve G., and treasurer Pam Y. Also elected were regional representatives Spencer Fields and Charles Yunker.

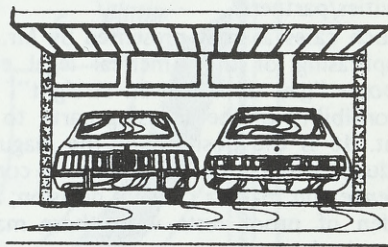
The Executive Board, open to all members and friends, will be meeting soon to plan strategies for the coming year. Among them will be the Seventh Anniversary festivities with a special mass and

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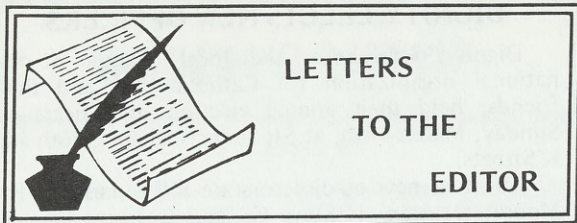
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Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to Don Souza's letter which appeared in the March 1982 RAMBLER. As past commissioner of the ICAU/GLASA Softball League in Los Angeles, I have had some dealings "with correcting the inequities" to which Mr. Souza alluded. I should like, therefore, to mention some points to be considered should Mr. Souza pursue this matter:

1. What is the definition of "gay"? Is it specifically stated, point-by-point in the G.S.L. Constitution? Does it encompass those men who are/were married and have children? Does it exclude those who choose not to flaunt or discuss their sexual activities/partners?
2. In such cases as that presented by Mr. Souza, a paraphrasing of the Americal legal ethic is *a propos*— "gay until proven straight"! It is the responsibility of the accusing party to prove its point. It is the position of the league not to conduct "witch hunts" but rather to consider the *evidence* and make a rational decision; again, the burden of proof rests with those making the accusation!
3. If this matter is to be pursued it should be an entire team that protests against one player on grounds of alleged sexual preference; therefore, Mr. Souza should have his team file a complaint/protest at the appropriate time, as specified by league guidelines. In so doing it would behoove them to keep the first two points in mind.
4. Having listened to several members of the Sacramento gay community discuss this issue, I cannot help believe that the real crux of the problem is not the sexual preference of Mike J. but is rather the personal differences between Don Souza and Paul Coke. I wonder if Mr. Souza would have accepted Mike J. as a player on his team? This point, however, is moot. I believe the real question is whether the Sacramento athletic community needs to appear as a bunch of bickering faggots? I believe that bickering and vendettas can only deter us from our intent: competing in softball under the banners of camaraderie, good sportsmanship and friendship. It takes much cohesive work to make something a positive experience and only a few "negatives" to mar or destroy it.

With this in mind, I should like to see the members of the Sacramento gay sports community rise above personal differences and work together in the spirit of brotherhood to make this softball season a most positive experience. Within this framework and that outlined in points 1 through 3 of this letter, all problems/questions can be surmounted/answered. Thank you,

— Doc

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VALLEY KNIGHTS NEWS

More than 50 people joined the Valley Knights Motorcycle Club on its weekend run to Clear Lake on March 27-28. The bikers took over the entire Starlite Resort Motel and provided a spaghetti dinner and open bar. Half a dozen out-of-town motorcycle clubs were represented and the party spilled over into the local gay bar. Following the successful trip to Clear Lake last year, the early Spring run may become a yearly tradition.

The Valley Knights are currently busy preparing for the club's Sixth Anniversary. The celebration will be held on Sunday, May 9 at the Power Plant located at 21st and R Streets. There will be a motorcycle competition with trophies to be awarded, starting at 11:00 a.m. The party will commence inside about 1 p.m. with free beer and food and run pins distributed to all those who attend.

The annual event has always been popular, attracting many friends of the club from throughout northern California and Nevada. They will join the Sacramento community this year in saluting the Valley Knights as the largest gay motorcycle club in northern California.

— Ryder B. Crystall

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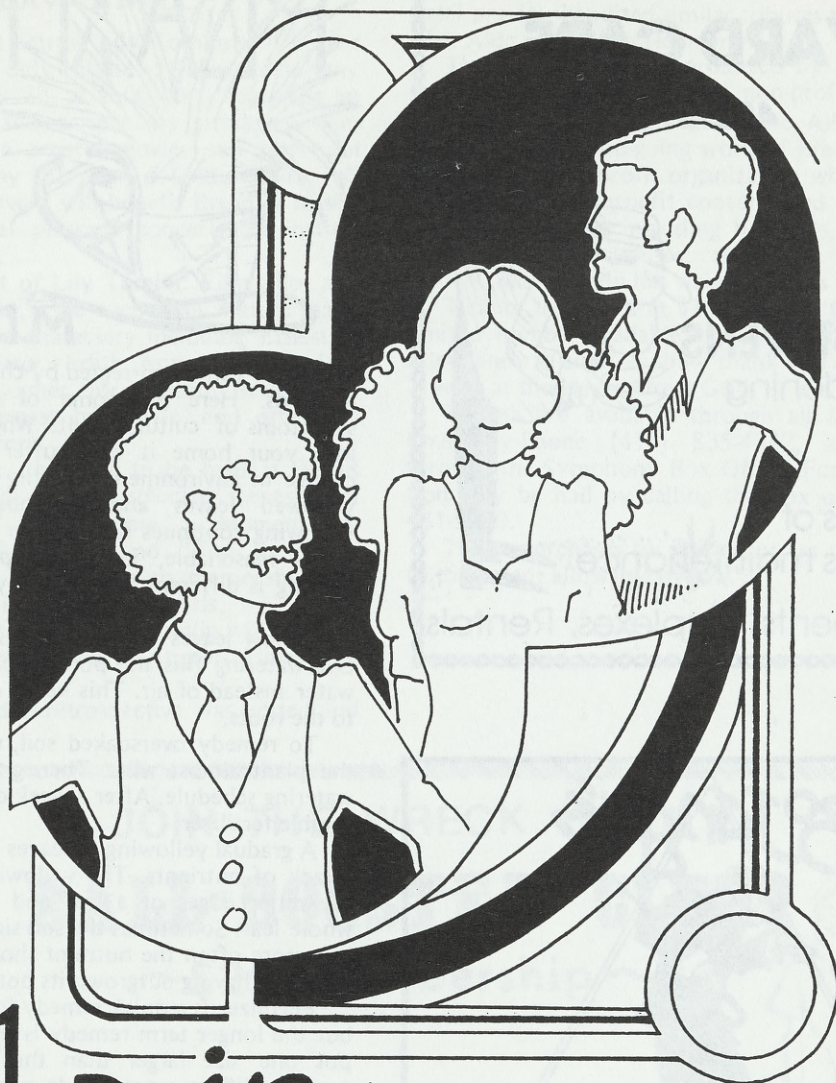
BOAT CLUB TO BE FORMED

Whether you own a boat or not, anyone interested in boating is invited to become a member of a new group being formed. The emphasis would be on enjoyment of boating with several weekend excursions to nearby rivers and lakes. Membership will be open to anyone, boat owner or not.

The originator of the concept, Les Nelson, stresses that there will be no criteria as to the type of boat, just a lot of fun and good boating.

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fault.' All can be corrected by changes in the growing methods. Here are some of the most common symptoms of 'cultural fault.' When a plant is brought into your home it may suffer shock (due to the change in environment). If this occurs, pull off the yellowed leaves and continue normal care. If yellowing continues for a longer period of time than seems reasonable, move the plant to where the lighting is different and change your watering schedule.

Yellow leaves can also be a sign of overwatering. Overwatering fills the porous spaces of the soil with water instead of air. This keeps oxygen from getting to the roots.

To remedy oversaturated soil, withhold water until the plant almost wilts. Then gradually begin a new watering schedule. After a week or two, apply a water soluble fertilizer.

A gradual yellowing of leaves is a sign of hunger or a lack of nutrients. The yellowing usually begins at the outer edges of a leaf and then spreads to the whole leaf. Sometimes the soil simply needs fertilizer, but more often the nutrient shortage is the result of the plant having outgrown its pot.

Fertilizer is a quick remedy for a pot bound plant, but the longer term remedy is to repot the plant to a pot one size larger than the one in which it is growing. When repotting do not fertilize right away. A solution of Vitamin B1 should be added, then in a couple of weeks start fertilizing again.

Next month I'll discuss other plant problems. After all, we want to keep our plants healthy, don't we?

Ray Liberty

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A TRIBUTE TO LILY TOMLIN AT DAVIES HALL

Comedienne and actress Lily Tomlin will be the focus of a one night only tribute at Davies Symphony Hall, Saturday, May 22, at 8:00 p.m., featuring an onstage interview and a specially produced film retrospective of the artist's movies and television specials. Produced by City Arts & Lectures, Inc., all proceeds from the event will benefit Bread & Roses, an organization that presents concerts for institutionalized audiences.

Titled "The Best of Lily Tomlin: Film Clips and Onstage Conversation," the event will feature many of Tomlin's beloved characters including Ernestine the telephone operator, Edith Ann the precocious five year old philosopher, Mrs. Judith Beasley the indomitable and earnest housewife, and other immortal Tomlin creations.

The film tribute, the first to be held at Davies Symphony Hall, will include selected scenes from "Nashville," "The Late Show," "Moment by Moment," "Nine to Five," and "The Incredible Shrinking Woman," in addition to memorabilia segments from five of her television specials.

Following the screening, Miss Tomlin will take the stage to be interviewed by Los Angeles Times film critic Sheila Benson.

The film and video retrospective was edited and

produced especially for this event by Linda Artel of the University of California's Pacific Film Archive. Artel previously edited similar tributes to Gene Kelly, Alap Alda and Lillian Hellman.

The benefit is being produced by Sydney Goldstein and her newly formed non-profit production company, City Arts & Lectures, Inc. All proceeds will help support the on-going work of Bread & Roses, a Marin based non-profit organization which coordinates and presents benefit concerts and shows for 35 Marin institutions including hospitals, convalescent homes, halfway houses, and drug rehabilitation centers. Miss Tomlin has waived all fees for this event.

Tickets are priced at \$10, \$12 and \$16.50, with a limited number available at \$75 which also include attendance at an after show thank you party for Miss Tomlin at the Hayes Street Grill.

Tickets are available through all BASS outlets, Charge-by-Phone (415) 835-4342, and by mail through the Symphony Box Office. Further information may be had by calling the box office at (415) 431-5400.

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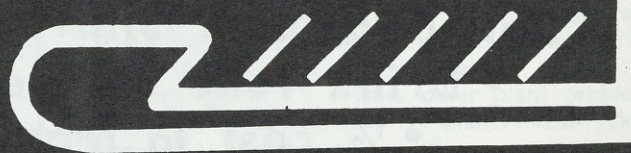
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FROM THE CHAIR



Hello again. You've probably noticed I've changed my title. The reason for that is because my first article "In the Chair" was entitled that so you could get to know me. As I stated at the end of last month's article, I wanted to shed some light on particular areas of the disabled, and make it clear that these are my views and experiences, and "WE" — like all of you — are

not alike. I guess, in a way, for me as a man in a wheel chair, I can say it can be, interestingly, fun. What I like most is: sitting there as I wheel into the bar I am eye level to most Zippers and Buttons on 501's; that enables me to 'Basket Shop' without having to bob my head up and down obviously.

On the opposite side of the coin, it is difficult to converse and keep someone's attention because of no EYE CONTACT "From the Chair." But being the inventive person I am, I have overcome this by simply sitting on knees in the chair, then I am just as tall as anyone.

I realized the other night at the Power Plant how vulnerable we disabled really are. Also, how people, Our Community, when a threat comes our way, will step in and aid a Brother or Sister, whether they know him/her or not. I had been dancing, as I always do, when this person who had been hitting on me all evening, finally went off on me and came at me with a broken beer bottle, which I imagine for anyone else might have been traumatic, but it woke me up to the fact, "We are everywhere," and there will be no nonsense, or let harm come to any one of us in our social clubs, because we're there for a good time, and we are all in this together. I, Mike, would like to thank the people from the Power Plant from the bottom of my heart, for respecting me and allowing me to dance on their fabulous floor. A lot of you know I do enjoy getting out there and twisting and turning.

Another topic to bring up which bothers me: The Beach. In the short time I have been here and gone to "Our Beach" I have found a lot of trash, and I mean that in both aspects. Maybe we could, as a Community Venture, help keep it cleared of said Trash. I do, however, have a good time when I go. But I find it difficult getting my chair across the sand (maybe I should invest in 4-wheel drive). I feel if we want to gain respect, we, as gay people, should police our beach a bit more carefully when we leave and then maybe it will help to bring a different kind of sun worshippers. Let's keep the fun in the sun there and get more people to care.

What I would like to do each time I write for the

Rambler is to get some in-put from you as the reader so I can focus in on what you would like to find out about the type of lifestyle for a disabled gay. The reason is, I could "ramble" on and never make a point, so please help me because I want to help you understand.

One thing that really bothers me and somewhat dictates as to what of the local watering holes I go to and spend the most time in is RESTROOM FACILITIES. I spent a lot of time in the Club 21, mostly because they are all so good and caring about me, and also they have the best JOHN in town. It is very accessible to me in my chair. The Wreck Room is another place I really like spending time and money, but when it comes to getting rid of some of the beer I've been drinking, I can't there because of the step and the door is too narrow. I really go through some fun times at the Mercantile, and some of you have probably seen me disassembling the control part of my chair as I head for the restroom. If I didn't I couldn't get through to do what I have to. Don't get me wrong, I'm not asking for these things to be drastically changed; I'm just asking you to consider them if and when these facilities are painted or redone.

I would like to take this time to thank Ellen of Club 21 for helping put on one of the best shows I have seen in this town, and for her making sure I was able to see it. She just wheeled me right up front, to no one's displeasure, and parked me ringside. St. Patrick's Day at Club 21 was a memorable event for me; I had a wonderful, entertaining time.

Thank you, Jim, from the Wreck Room, for being who you are. You're OK by me.

In closing I want to thank the staff of the Rambler for allowing me to put my thoughts and ideas before you. They have provided me with an outlet that otherwise would have been kept inside indefinitely, and you the reader helping me aid you about us.

Rumour has it that there is a new shop in the downtown area called ROBIN HOODS, and if you maybe need a haircut look it up (is that a plug?)

Thank you all, and keep reading.

— Mike

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possible dinner/dance. The date and place will be announced in the May issue of the Rambler.

On July 3 and 4, Dignity/Sacramento will be hosting the Regional Conference for all chapters in California and Nevada at the State University with special guest speakers and workshops.

Usually, Dignity meets on the second Sunday of each month, but in April, the meeting will be held on the 25th. For more information, call 739-8353.

— Ron Drum

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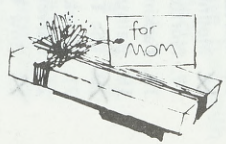
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IRISH STEW, GREEN BEER AND BETTE VASQUEZ

by Kip McCart

Club 21's St. Patrick's Party turned out to be quite an event. No one would have ever expected it to be featured on Channel 3's Eleven o'clock news edition, but it was, thanks to Rosa who did his flawless impersonation of Channel 3's weather forecaster, Betty Vasquez.

About ten minutes before Rosa was to do his number, in walks Bette complete with camera crew. Those who knew of her couldn't believe it, and those who didn't were asking, who was she? You mean you don't watch Channel 3's People Program?

Bette made her way to the back room where the excitement was taking place. There, she was seated down front center. Showtime at Club 21 with Ellen McCord opening the show by thanking Miss Vasquez for taking the time to come down and be a part of the evening's festivities. Out walked Rosa looking like Bette Vasquez, giving his campy monologue about life and weather as the real Betty Vasquez joined the rest of the audience with laughter. Flawlessly, Rosa lip-synced Lena Horne's "Stormy Weather" and then was cheered on to do a hilarious weather report. He brought the house down. Bette Vasquez said, "The only thing that bothers me is that he's prettier than I am." Returning to work, she left with many thank you's and a great big smile. She was such a good sport about the whole thing in fact she included a portion of what they filmed in her 11:00 news report.

The Irish Stew was still aflow as well as the green beer around midnight when Miss Lila presented her ever so trashy fashion show. Sister Kathryn was up next with the Convent's rendition of "Operator." This fun-filled evening could not have been complete without this year's showing of Miss Club 21 and an ovation for Ellen McCord who organized the party and the staff of Club 21 for working hard to make the evening so entertaining. Rumor has it that there is another party in the works for some time mid-April.

By the way, the Stew was great, Millie.

SHERIFF'S CANDIDATE HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

On Friday night, March 19th, a group of 32 people gathered at the Sacramento political headquarters of Lt. Robbie Waters to meet informally with the candidate for Sheriff of Sacramento County in the June primary. There was no formal program, but a give and take, question and answer session took place with great good humor all around. A variety of pointed questions concerning human relations, sensitivity training, operating procedures and cost effective measures were discussed, and a very pleasing

variety of snacks and finger food was enjoyed.

Many gay issues were discussed and those attending said Lt. Waters proved himself an able and affable host who enjoyed meeting gay people on a one to one informal basis. He in turn said he was impressed with the sincerity and interest of the questions asked.

It is believed that this was the first time that a candidate for political office in Sacramento has had an open meeting with an all gay audience.

Turning the tables, Lt. Waters asked: What do you (the gay community) want? Our answer: the same consideration that anyone else gets, nothing more, but nothing less. His reply and promise: "You got it!"

Throughout his campaign Lt. Waters has refused to make any commitments but has emphasized that his policy will be to have an open door to all requests. Considering the difficulties we have had with the present sheriff, that's good news to hear.

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If you keep your head when everybody else loses his, you probably just don't grasp the situation.

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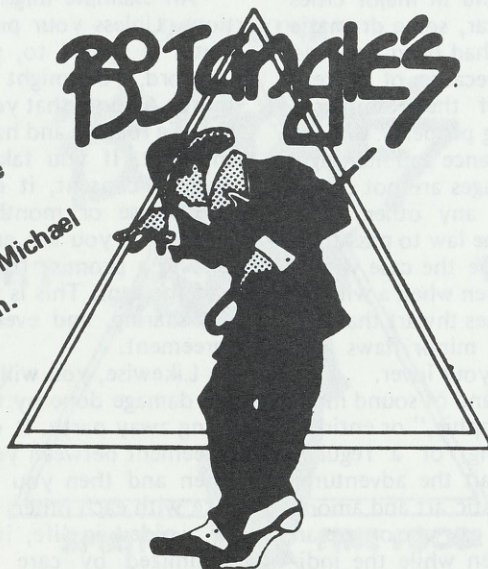
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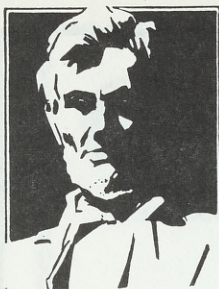
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THE LAW AND YOU

By Philip Hoskins

Nearly two years ago, Governor Jerry Brown created a Commission on Personal Privacy to "...study the problems of discrimination based upon sexual orientation or invasions of the right of personal privacy, in both the public and private sectors..." While cynics might regard this move as a sop to the gay community which has recently become a political force to reckon with, it is recognition of the *fact* of discrimination by not only the peripatetic governor, but also by a number of state legislators who helped bring this body into being.

The commission is due to issue its report in December, 1982. While the history of other commissions would predict that the report will change little for the average person, the work of the commission in gathering facts and holding public hearings will provide the foundation for future advances by gays and other sexual minorities.

During the public hearings, held in major cities throughout California this past year, some dramatic testimony was given by gays who had been deprived of property shared with lovers because of current California law. In past issues of the Rambler I mentioned the difficulty of passing property to your lover because of the laws of inheritance and marriage.

As you know, same sex marriages are not recognized by the courts in this or any other state. Therefore, gays cannot rely upon the law to pass their property to their lover as would be the case with a husband or wife legally married. Even when a will has been made, the family can sometimes thwart that will by taking advantage of seemingly minor flaws in a will which was intended to protect your lover.

Any person over the age of 18 and of sound mind can make a will. It can be "holographic," or entirely written in your own handwriting, or a regular, witnessed will. Several pitfalls await the adventurer who tries his own hand at this mystic art and among those most likely to be faced by a gay person are an allegation that the will was written while the individual was under the undue influence of someone who benefits by the will; that the otherwise handwritten will was made out on paper having a printed word or sentence on it, this making it not entirely handwritten; or that persons who are provided for by

law as "natural objects" of the will are not mentioned in the will. The latter flaw would be put forth by a parent or sibling who was omitted, often intentionally, from any inheritance and was therefore not mentioned in the will. This lack of mention might well invalidate the will against a challenge by a parent or sibling.

To assure yourself of the best protection that your intentions will be carried out, a will should be drawn by an attorney, witnessed by three neutral and objective persons and provide for every person to whom you are related. While no case has yet considered the question, it is likely that any mention of a sexual relationship in a will would be your downfall, for the courts will not enforce any document which implies a trade-off of sexual conduct for payment.

It might also be wise to inform your parents or other potential objectors of the existence of your will so that arguments about your mental capacity or other problems might be flushed out and dealt with during your lifetime.

Related to the question of wills is that of the form and nature of the ownership of significant items of property you won with your lover or alone. While being gay is not usually a significant problem in this regard, many people create problems for themselves by entering into business or personal agreements without understanding the consequences of what they do.

An example might be found in roommate situations. Unless your private agreement between roommates is agreed to, preferably in writing, by your landlord, you might have more problems than you think. Assume that you find a nice Victorian which is too big for one and having a roommate will help meet the rent. If you take in a roommate without the owner's consent, it may be found for terminating your lease or month-to-month rental. It will also mean that you are entirely responsible for the rent, despite a promise from your roommate to pay one half the rent. This is so even if the owner consents to the sharing, and even if both of you sign a rental agreement.

Likewise, you will be fully responsible to pay for the damage done by the roommate and friends at the going away party. It would be wise to write down an agreement between you as to who pays for what and when and then you will be aware of the risks you take with each other. While it is true that risks cannot be avoided in life, it is also true that they can be minimized by care and thoughtfulness from the beginning.

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HOUSING NEEDED FOR TOURNAMENT

The Wreck Room and Hut will be sponsoring the Third Annual Sacramento Invitational Games July 3, 4, and 5th. Our intent is to invite eight teams, the Wreck Room, the Parking Lot, plus teams from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and Vancouver, B.C. To put on this tournament we'll need housing for players and fans. So if you have a spare bedroom or a vacant couch, please call Rich at 929-0226, or Chuck at 422-5246.

— Rich Findley

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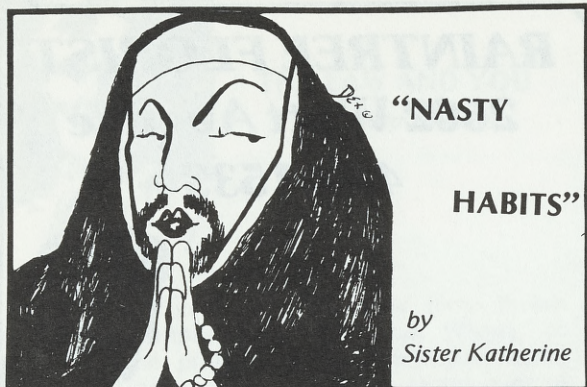
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I'm sure you are all familiar with the feelings of loss, my dear readers, but I want to share a story of a special loss with you.

Several months ago, I left a Friday night Vespers Service feeling down, which is not unusual after hours on one's knees. I am, as you know, used to being on my knees for long periods of time, but this time was different. I left feeling empty, unfulfilled; the urge for something big to fill the hole in me was great, and it was obviously too big for me to handle single-handedly. In short, I was face to face with a whopper!

Being a realist, I decided maybe a night out of the convent would do me some good. I immediately decided to head for a disco, thinking maybe a good session of punishing the plexiglass with my step-ins might help my mood.

The crime rate being what it is in Lavender Heights, I knew it wasn't safe for a girl to go out alone at night. Why, the number of rapists alone is enough to scare the pants off a body and I wanted to take no chances. I decided to ask a personal friend to go along with me . . . Jesus. I figured He'd hung around, looking sad and lonely long enough and maybe a good whirl would do Him some good too (can you imagine being almost 2,000 years old and never been in a disco?).

So I tied Jesus to my Dipped-at-Lourdes, glow-in-the-dark Rosary and we set out for the Hut. It was the usual Friday night crowd in this, my favorite S&M Disco (that's Stand & Model, you sillies! Why everyone thinks I enjoy pain beats hell out of me. . .) We pushed our way through the crowd of good looking, well dressed men and women, pretending we were at Macy's, and finally made it to the bar.

"What'll you have?" I asked Jesus.

I couldn't hear his answer for the clack-clack of the cha-cha heels and the stomping of Fries, so I told Bradley to set us up with 2 Buds. Jesus never touched His. He still looked pale and alone (I'd seen that look on many faces in here before) so I asked Him if He'd like to dance. I interpreted an absence of answer as

assent, so I grabbed Him and we were off to the floor. It seemed we'd only twirled to a couple of numbers, and BY a couple of numbers, when the Bud began to work its magic. You know beer goes through you so darned fast because it doesn't have to stop and change color. I excused myself and left Jesus with my purse in a crowdette of my friends. That move spelled nothing but trouble for the rest of the night.

When I returned from my potty run about an hour later (those liturgical pantyhose are a bitch to undo and I had dribbled, besides), Jesus was not with my purse and \$30.00 had been taken from it as well. I began to panic, and asked several people if they had seen a man in a loincloth, glowing in the dark anywhere. Of course they all thought I was on chemicals and so mostly just giggled at my question.

By 2:00, when Jesus hadn't returned to our group, I began to panic. I knew my Mother Superior would be at the door, demanding to know what I'd done with Him. How would I tell her I'd taken Him to some disco (His first) and lost Him when I went to fluff?

Sadly, I got into my Pinto Nunabout and headed back to the convent, thinking that in the morning, I'd have to peel off my I FOUND IT bumper sticker. . .

FLASH BULLETIN!

All those wishing to become Charitable Sisters of Izod, please send your name and a mailing address to the RAMBLER so we can notify you of our organizing meeting (coming up soon) and the requirements for membership in our Order.

Piece,

— Sister Katherine Belle

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POEM

My Love for you
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My Love for you
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My Love for you
will grow with each precious meeting

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makes my life worth living

My Love for you
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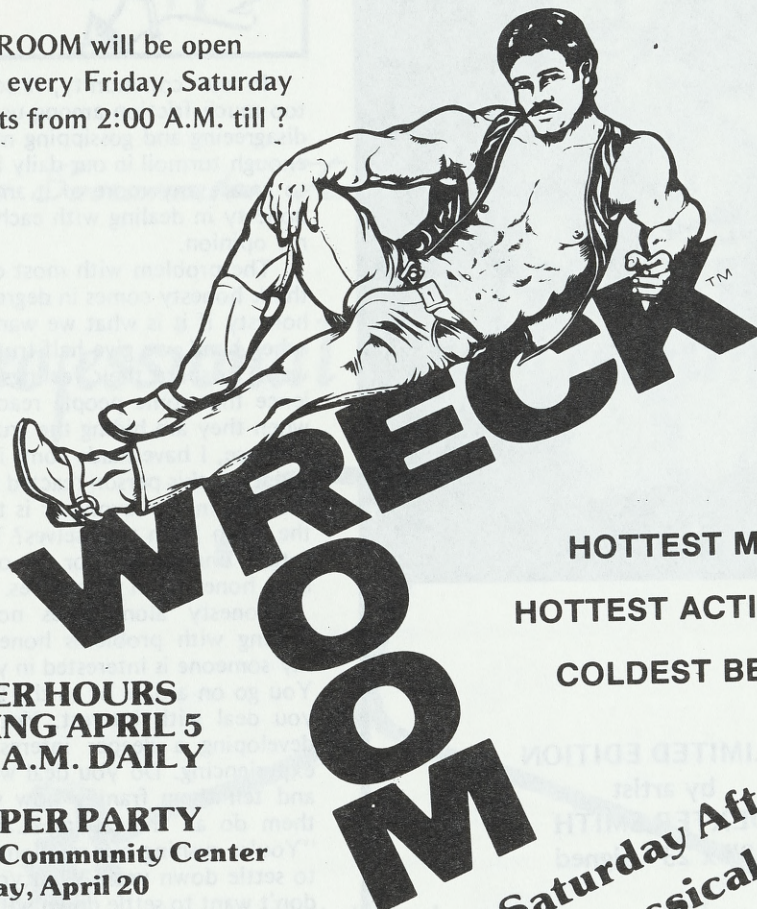
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— Digette

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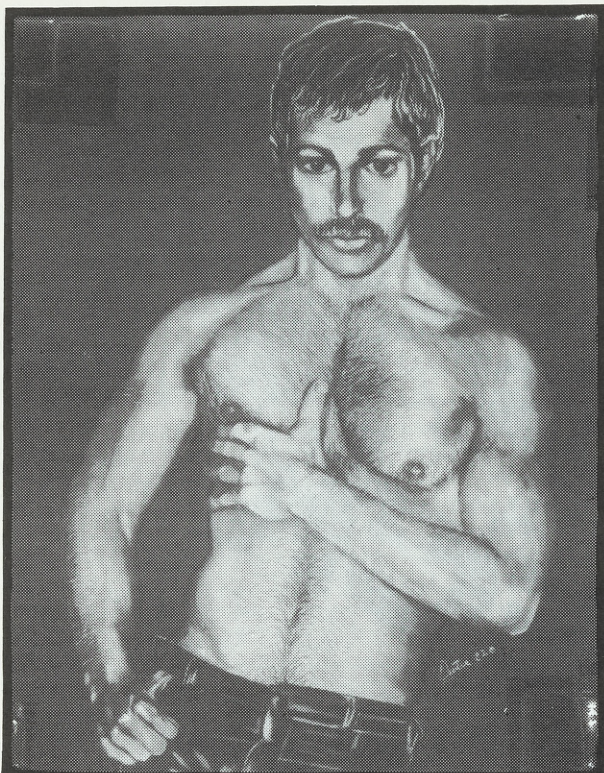
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In our community, it seems to me, there exists too much friction among us. Many of us are fighting, disagreeing and gossiping maliciously. While there is enough turmoil in our daily lives, I don't feel we need to create any more of it among ourselves. Complete honesty in dealing with each other is the solution, in my opinion.

The problem with most of us, however, is that we think honesty comes in degrees. We often only accept honesty if it is what we want to hear or see. On the other hand, we give half-truths to others because we want to spare their feelings. It has been my experience that some people react negatively to someone when they are hiding the truth from themselves. For instance, I have made some innocent observation and suddenly this person reacted angrily toward me. Am I the one in the wrong or is the person who is hiding the truth from themselves? The feeling of anger was totally unnecessary for the other person, if they had been honest with themselves.

Honesty alone does not solve problems, but dealing with problems honestly does. For instance, say someone is interested in you and you are in them. You go on a date or to the bedroom, whichever way you deal with interest. You find the other person developing a deeper interest in you than you are experiencing. Do you deal with this person honestly and tell them frankly how you feel, or do you let them do all the talking. Later you say things like: "You're rushing our relationship." or "I'm not ready to settle down yet." What you are really saying is: "I don't want to settle down with you."

Why say something you really don't mean? Why not tell the truth? "I don't want to hurt this person's feelings," is a standard answer. Again, you are dealing with a half truth. In actuality you don't want to hurt your own feelings when you have to *hear* the other person express their hurt. You want to walk away from the situation believing it wasn't *your* fault. If you were to listen to your conscience, however, you would *know* you were lying to yourself. In the meantime, much anger and resentment is building between the two of you which again is entirely unnecessary if you had dealt with the other person honestly.

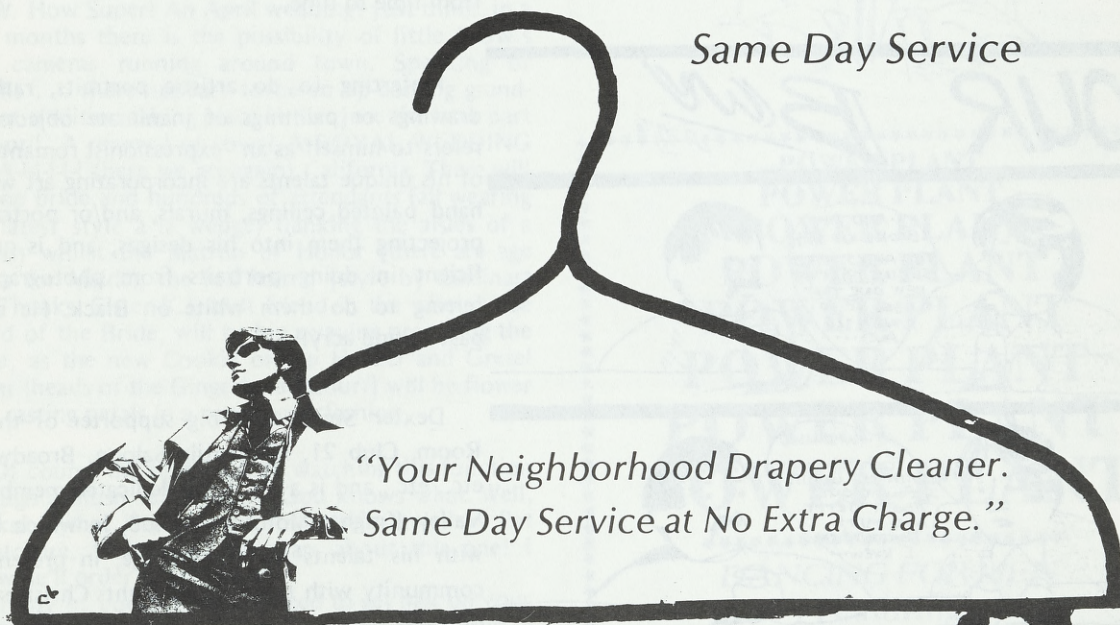
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THE UNVEILING OF DEXTER-SMITH

By R. Lance Robards

After graduating from the Design Institute, and moving here to Sacramento, a resident of five years now, Dexter Smith became an Interior Designer. Prior to that, he trained under Roberta Owen of the Otis Art Institute in Southern California, as a Portrait Artist.

Mr. Smith owned and operated the Young Ideas Art Gallery, and the Rainbow Art Gallery in the San Luis Obispo area. Here, in Old Sacramento, he opened Interior Accents. After receiving "an offer he couldn't refuse," Dexter sold the business in 1980. After selling, he became a volunteer at Juvenile Hall, teaching art and its techniques. Currently he is working on the "Leather Scene," which will be located at the ever popular Wreck Room. The Leather Scene will feature leather apparel, by Earl Grist, toys, etc., and people will be able to see some of Dexter's white on black drawings and other art work there from time to time.



Preferring to do artistic portraits, rather than drawings or paintings of inanimate objects, Dexter refers to himself as an "expressionist romantic." Two of his unique talents are incorporating art work (i.e., hand painted ceilings, murals, and/or portraits) and projecting them into his designs, and is quite proficient in doing portraits from photographs, preferring to do them White on Black. He also uses pastels, and acrylics.

Dexter Smith is a big supporter of the Wreck Room, Club 21, Mercantile Saloon, Broadway Ltd., etc., etc., and is a loyal and dedicated member of the Valley Knights Motorcycle Club, in which he aided with his talents and knowledge, in presenting the community with the Valley Knights Christmas Shows of 1980 and 1981, helping direct, and design sets for them.

Dexter has now joined the Rambler as a staff artist and did the cover art work, as well as some other artwork in this and future issues.

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If anyone is into moving furniture, just ask Mod. She's great at falling under TVs. Prepare for a sacred moment in our lives. I just had news from Rome that Sister Katherine will be ordained officially "Mother Superior of the Charitable Sisters of Izod." The exact date will be announced later.

The hottest duo in town. Terry and Hal beating each other with panty hose and hair spray cans at the Merc one evening. Lovely gowns, girls, but Terry . . . all that lovely hair on the chest. Gone . . . oh, well. Save it, throw it into a Cuisinart and Whamoh! Instant hair style. Teresa and Anna whispering to Michael at the Club 21? Now what's that all about?

What do you think of this month's cover? Dexter really did a number. Who in the world, however, would ever suspect that sweet, adorable, hot woman, could ever get hot enough to grab some dizzy full grown man who was causing trouble at the Merc and literally slam him up against the juke box and told him to cool it. The warning was taken — he split. A word to the wise . . .

Congrats are in order to Linda and Frank of MGW. How Super! An April wedding! Just think, in a few months there is the possibility of little MGW's and cameras running around town. Speaking of unions . . . there appears to be an up-coming grandparent tradition taking place in San Jose the later part of April. A renewal of vows? A ROYAL WEDDING OF A-I-I-I-I-I (here we go again) California. There will be one bride and hundreds of attendants (all wearing the latest style a la wedge) flanking the aisles of a church whilst the Matron of Honor (there are age limits for Maids), the red haired (style by Cuisinart . . . Thanks, Sister K.), best friend in the whole wide world of the Bride, will be hip swaying preceding the bride, as the new Cookie of the Hanzel and Gretel Team (heads of the Gingerbread Court) will be flower girls casting petals in a papal wave fashion.

Of course the bride will be watching this function through a blush veil made of God knows what. Well, we know that if you want it done in style, see Pat Montclair. Wait until he hears about this one! I know he'll order a table of 10.

If any of you people still need to get hair on your head for any festive occasion coming up within a short time or any time, as a matter of fact, please do stop by Broadway Wig Center at 2026 Broadway, 457-2191 (up from the Broadway, Ltd.) and see Alfred. Well, actually, all the staff are experts. There isn't anything in that shop he doesn't have or would not be willing to help you with. One of the many good things you get in dealing with Alfred is walking out of his shop feeling that you got your money's

worth and then some. Besides, Alfred looks cute in his hat.

For those of you who believe in the Luck of the Irish, that's fine. But let me tell you about the Hunk of the Scottish. Those kilts just drive me crazy and the hunt to find out what's under . . . until next time . . . See you in Print, Precious.

— rhulah

P.S. Bye the bye, precious . . . via my wonderful reliable sources, I understand there will be a new publication or column coming out soon. It will be called "Rhulah Eat Shit." Now that is one we all have to read because I am sure it will be wonderful. Of course, who will write it is yet up in the air, but I am sure if you all put on your thinking caps, an answer will come.



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AWARDS PRESENTED AT RCBA ANNUAL DINNER

An awards ceremony was conducted on Monday, March 8, at the Fourth Annual Installation Dinner of the River City Business Association. The affair was held this year at the Del Prado Restaurant on Stockton Boulevard, with 52 people present, who heard an address by Sacramento Police Lieutenant Robbie Waters, a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Sacramento County.

RCBA Founding President Norv Giles was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening event and inducted Ilka Archer as President for the 1982 term, and Steven Schwichow as Vice President. Before announcing the annual awards, Norv gave an overview and short history of the association.

Retiring President Grant Pasley was presented a plaque to mark his term of office, and retiring director Mark Whisler was presented a framed certificate as he has served longest on the board to date. Paul Fitzgerald of the Incredible Edible was presented the RCBA Community Service Award for all his community efforts and for supplying a meeting place not only for RCBA but for many other local organizations.

The Wreck Room was named the 1981 Business of the Year and a special engraved plaque was presented to Jim Gaworski who made a moving and honest response for his entire staff. RCBA President Archer said the award was made "with a great deal of pride and satisfaction, and the manner in which it was accepted was a source of pride to everyone present."

The Businessperson of the Year Award for 1981 was presented to Frank Lawler, Jr., long time RCBA member and editor of Mom Guess What Newspaper. The award was made for Frank's accomplishments throughout the community and his efforts and

assistance to RCBA in particular.

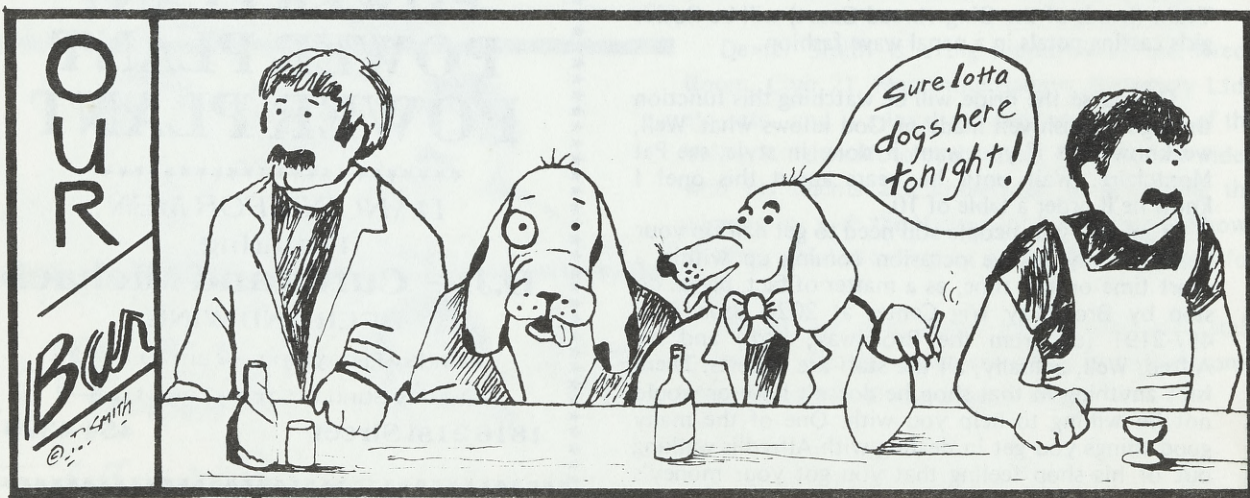
The keynote speaker for the evening was Lt. Robbie Waters who attended with his wife, Judy, coming early to meet informally with members and guests. His address was politically oriented and included a background summary of his education and experience as a native Sacramentan. The changes he proposes are of interest to everyone and he fielded a variety of questions from the interested audience. In answer to one inquiry, he stated he would not necessarily actively recruit gay people for sheriff's officers. He explained that people should be hired on their merit and ability, not their color, creed, or sexual preference.

In his closing remarks, Norv thanked those attending and urged each to take an active part in this year's primary races, be sure to become a registered voter, and use your ballot. He also commented on the very open policy proposed by Lt. Waters in contrast to the closed door policy of the present Sheriff.

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Editor's Note:

The conference was held in the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room No. 1, the first time a organized gay group has had the exclusive use of these facilities. It was a source of great pride to many present, and one spectator made a very moving statement that in all his years of paying taxes and supporting county government, at last he saw some direct evidence of its use which affected him personally as a gay person. The entire gay community should thank Phil Hoskins and his group for arranging and conducting this important seminar.



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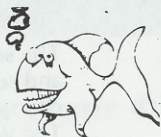
Sometimes we think a little white lie protects other people from hurt when in reality it hurts us the most. Aren't you worth protecting? If indeed you have fallen into the traps of little white lies for the sake of diplomacy, it won't be easy to differentiate the two from each other. Diplomacy does not have to be a lie. The English language allows us to say anything in many different ways. Most of the time the tone in which you say something is much more diplomatic than the words used.

The place to start being honest is inside yourself. First you must know when you are lying to yourself. This knowledge comes when you examine your own principles and listen to your conscience. As long as you are honest with yourself you can be in contradicting situations and walk away from them feeling good about yourself. When you feel good about yourself you make others feel good about you. By being more honest with each other we could enjoy some degree of peace and tranquility among our community. It's worth being honest about.

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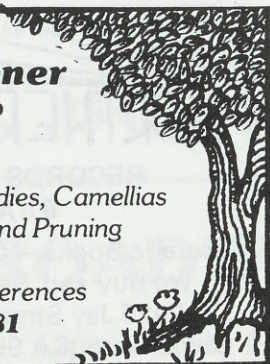
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enclosing itself
to its delegated space;
playing, with piglets,
chickens, and hens.
The cow mooed in pleasure.
The horse, having its mane combed,
showed its indifference, while eating
the selected oats.

As the goose laughed
with the crowd, full of piglets,
chickens, hogs, and fowl;
"Your noise is distracting,
how do you expect for them,
to show their pleasure, and
admiration in my beauty
as I stand above,
in the crowd,"
the peacock protested.

The solitary goose departed,
and so did the piglets, hogs,
cows, hens, and fowl.
The yard is deserted now,
no one left to look
at the proud peacock;
left all alone,
without an admiring crowd.

By Rafael Q. Benitez

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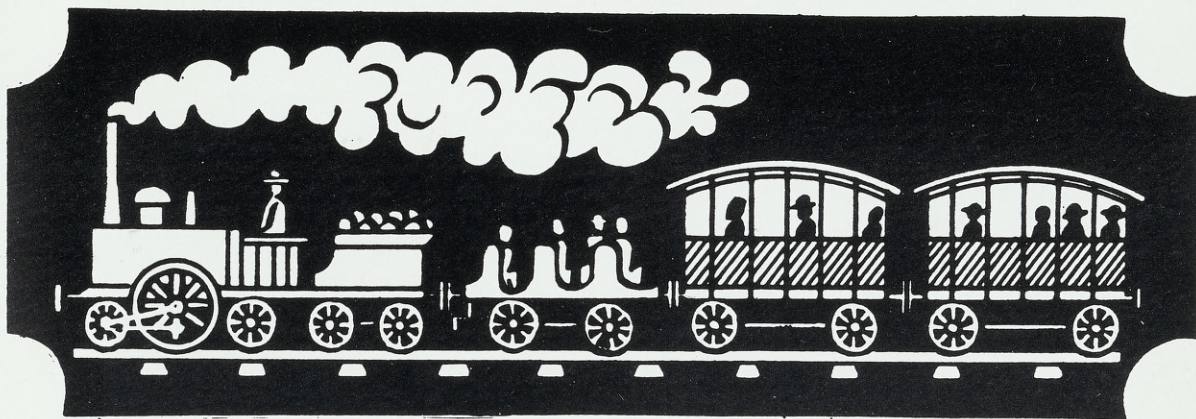
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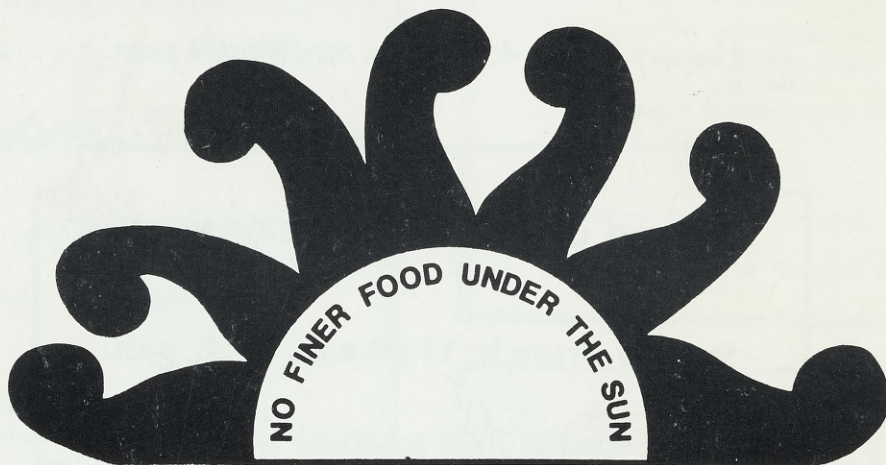
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